

Top 10 Things to Know About the GuLF STUDY

Below are talking points that anyone can use to convey accurate information about the GuLF STUDY (Gulf Long Term Follow-Up Study). To find out more information about the GuLF STUDY, please visit www.nihgulfstudy.org. You may also call toll free 1-855-NIH-GULF (1-855-644-4853) between 9 AM and 9 PM (Eastern) Monday through Saturday and 12 PM to 6 PM (Eastern) on Sunday.

1. The GuLF STUDY is a health study for workers and volunteers who helped clean up the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill and other locals in the community.
2. Anyone who took a Gulf worker safety training or supported the cleanup effort from the community may be contacted to participate in a telephone interview. Everyone who is contacted is needed to answer the call!
3. The GuLF STUDY will also include some people who took the worker safety training, but did not get to do cleanup work and others from the community who supported the cleanup effort in jobs such as food services or transportation.
4. The GuLF STUDY will help us learn if oil spills and exposure to crude oil and dispersants affect physical and mental health.
5. The GuLF STUDY is enrolling cleanup workers and volunteers because they were the closest to the disaster and had the highest potential for being exposed to oil and dispersants.
6. The GuLF STUDY is good for the communities in the region, because over time, the study will generate some important data that may help inform policy decisions on healthcare and health services in the region.
7. Information from the GuLF STUDY may be used to help prevent health consequences of future oil spills.
8. The GuLF STUDY is the largest study ever conducted on possible health effects of oil spills.
9. The GuLF STUDY will be conducted by scientists at the world's top medical research organization, the National Institutes of Health.
10. Many agencies, researchers, outside experts, as well as members of the local community, provided input into how the study should be designed and implemented.